Amendments of the Claims:

All the All of the claims in the application are listed below and show changes by ~~strikethrough~~ (for deleted matter) or <u>underlining</u> (for added matter) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(b).

1. (Currently Amended) An asset management system for managing a plurality of tangible assets by a remote user using a web browser, comprising

at least one security asset manager for receiving a tangible asset, comprising co-located <u>within a housing</u>:

an asset control system including means for receiving and releasing tangible assets,

a web server coupled to the asset control system, ~~and having an I/O unit coupled to the Internet,~~

<u>wherein the co-located asset control system and web server share a single I/O unit coupled to the Internet; and</u>

wherein the web server stores information regarding tangible asset transactions at the asset control system and the remote user can access and control the asset management system remotely by communication via the Internet between the web browser and the web server.

2. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the web server permits the asset management system to be accessed based on one or more criteria.

3. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the web server permits the tangible assets to be removed from the security asset manager or replaced to the security asset manager based on the one or more criteria.

4. (Previously presented) The system as set forth in claim 2 the one or more criteria are provided to the web server by the remote user via the web browser over the Internet.

5. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the one or more criteria comprises a user ID, a user password, and a user security access level.

6. (Previously presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the web server provides the web browser at the remote user over the Internet with the stored information regarding the transactions with the security asset manager.

7. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the web server stores information describing the security asset manager, the information comprising at least one of an identity, a location and an installation date of the security asset manager.

8. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the stored transaction information comprises at least one of a location of the security asset manager where one or more of the tangible assets were removed from or replaced to, an identity of the security asset manager where the tangible assets were removed from or replaced to, a date or time the tangible assets were removed, an identifier for each of the removed the tangible assets, and an identity of one or more users that removed the tangible assets.

9. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the web server stores alarm information describing one or more alarm conditions to be satisfied to trigger an alarm of the asset management system.

10. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 9 wherein the web server sounds the alarm of at least one of the asset management system and a remote system upon determining that the one or more alarm conditions have been satisfied.

11. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the web server provides the web browser at the remote user with one or more graphical user interfaces for accepting data used by the web server to perform at least one of permitting the asset management system to be accessed, permitting the tangible assets to be removed from the security asset manager, permitting the tangible assets to be replaced to the security asset manager, setting alarm conditions, and storing information that describes the asset management system.

12. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 1 further comprising a user input interface coupled to the asset control system that receives user identification information associated with a request to access the asset management system.

13. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 12 wherein the user input interface further comprises an access control card reader, the requestor identification information being stored on an access card that is coupled to the access control card reader.

14. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 13 wherein the asset control system converts the requestor identification information from a first format to a second format.

15 - 51. (Cancelled)

52. (Currently Amended) A method of managing a plurality of tangible assets received within a housing by at least one security asset manager, each asset manager comprising an asset control system ~~including means for receiving~~ that receives and ~~releasing~~ releases tangible assets, the method comprising:

using ~~and~~ a web server coupled to the asset control system;

~~, and having an I/O unit coupled to the Internet, comprising~~:

storing information in the web server regarding tangible asset transactions occurring in ~~at~~ the asset control system, ~~and~~

co-locating the web server ~~being co-located within~~ and the asset control system within the housing to ~~communicate~~ communicate ~~communicating~~ with ~~the~~ a web browser ~~at the~~ of a remote user, such that the remote user can access and control the asset management system remotely by communication via the Internet between the web browser and the web server; and

using a single I/O unit coupled to the Internet and shared by the co-located web server and asset control system.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, further comprising the web server permitting the asset management system to be accessed based on one or more criteria.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53 further comprising the web server permitting the tangible assets to be removed from the security asset manager or replaced to the security asset manager based on the one or more criteria.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53 further comprising providing the one or more criteria to the web server by the remote user via the web browser over the Internet.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53 wherein the one or more criteria comprises a user ID, a user password, and a user security access level.

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 further comprising the web server providing the web browser at the remote user over the Internet with the stored information regarding the transactions with the security asset manager.

58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 further comprising the web server storing information describing the security asset manager, the information comprising at least one of an identity, a location and an installation date of the security asset manager.

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 wherein the stored transaction information comprises at least one of a location of the security asset manager where one or more of the tangible assets were removed from or replaced to, an identity of the security asset manager where the tangible assets were removed from or replaced to, a date or time the tangible assets were removed, an identifier for each of the removed the tangible assets, and an identity of one or more users that removed the tangible assets.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 further comprising the web server storing alarm information describing one or more alarm conditions to be satisfied to trigger an alarm of the asset management system.

61. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 60 further comprising the web server sounding the alarm of at least one of the asset management system and a remote system upon determining that the one or more alarm conditions have been satisfied.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 further comprising the web server providing the web browser at the remote user with one or more graphical user interfaces for

accepting data used by the web server to perform at least one of permitting the asset management system to be accessed, permitting the tangible assets to be removed from the security asset manager permitting the tangible assets to be replaced to the security asset manager, setting alarm conditions, and storing information that describes the asset management system.

63. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52 in which the security asset manager further comprises a user input interface coupled to the asset control system, and the method further comprises receiving user identification information associated with a request to access the asset management system.

64. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63 wherein the user input interface further comprises an access control card reader, the requestor identification information being stored on an access card that is coupled to the access control card reader.

65. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 64 further comprising the web server converting the requestor identification information from a first format to a second format.

66 - 68. (Cancelled)

69. (New) The method as set forth in claim 52 further comprising using a server system to provide a remote system with one or more graphical user interfaces for accepting data used by the server system to perform at least one of permitting the security asset manager to be accessed, permitting the tangible assets to be removed from the housing, permitting the tangible assets to be replaced in the housing, setting alarm conditions, and storing information that describes the security asset management system.